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I visited the telephone exchange for the first time to-day. I beheld, as the door was opened, twenty comely young women sitting in a long row in easy arm chairs, before tables, with endless apparatus before them. That was the first fact that I grasped. The next one was that these girls were not shouting at all. There was a low, indistinct murmur, and that was all. As I approached nearer I could hear, in tones not much above a whisper, the ever monotonous "Hello! hello!" "No, 425." "Hello, hello!" "Ye-es!" "Good-by!" but one clear voice, in a good speaking tone, might have been heard plainly across that whole room above all the business of making the connections for over two thousand people.

THE GIRLS AT WORK.

Every girl had strapped upon her head, or at least held there by its own grip, an apparatus composed of crossed steel bands, which held a small telephone receiver to her ear. Before her, dangling by a long wire in just such a position as to hang exactly in front of her mouth, was the transmitter. Each girl leaned back in a comfortable attitude, and seemed entirely cool and unconcerned, while both hands were occupied in inserting wires with metal plugs at their ends into certain holes before her and pulling them out again. There were rows upon rows of these little apartments, and every one of them represented somebody's telephone number. Each girl takes care of a limited number of calls, which are signaled to her by the dropping of a little metallic tablet with the number of the caller's instrument upon it, but she has within her reach, in those little apartments that I have mentioned, every one of the telephone numbers within the radius of the exchange.

"These seem to be young women of excellent physique," I said to the superintendent, Mr. Carty, as he invited me to a seat by his desk.

"We insist upon that," said he; "we have found that girls of good physique, healthy young women, are much less liable to irritation and impatience, much less likely to 'get rattled,' than those who are a little weak or ill. It is not that the work wears upon them so that only women of unusual physique can stand it, but that we must have operators who are likely to keep their tempers and maintain coolness of demeanor. Does it deafen them? I know of but one case of an operator's hearing being affected, and that might easily have been from some other cause. They do not seem to suffer much nervously, though there was one case of hysteria here last week.

CALL FOR A SUBSTITUTE.

"One of the girls—that one with the slender figure and dark hair, near the end of the line—got confused and 'rattled,' as we call it, over a series of vexatious, and asked to have a substitute placed in her chair. You see that we keep five substitutes in the room to relieve those who desire to be relieved at any time. Well, this young woman went into the girls' waiting room and had an attack of hysteria there. Not infrequently something occurs on the line—somebody gets impatient and loses his temper—which troubles the girls. They generally go into their rooms and have a good cry, and some back feeling better. They certainly seem to like the work, though the pay is only \$1 a week. The hours are not long, they sit all day, they are relieved when needed and the actual work seems to be agreeable to them."

There was a strumming sound under the superintendent's table. He held a telephone receiver to his ear and talked through a movable transmitter on the table. "Certainly," he said in a low tone, "I will relieve you." He summoned a young woman from the window and motioned to her to take the chair of one of the operators. He had been talking with one of the girls not fifteen feet away over the telephone. She could have spoken to him through the air by turning her head, but it would have made a little noise and confusion in the room, and this modern tower of Babel, this vocal sensorium of a whole city, is as quiet as a public library reading room. The substitute girl took the other's place, two "calls" came tumbling down at the same instant, and somebody was undoubtedly vexed because he was not answered for an instant while she was making the other connection. But it takes but an instant.

"We like to have people who have telephones come up here," said the superintendent. "It gives them an idea how the thing is done, and we notice that they seldom get impatient in the use of their telephones afterward." Certainly these girls were not trifling with their work. The superintendent by merely putting an instrument to his ear can hear every word that passes between any operator and the people with whom she talks, and that seems an almost unnecessary restraint. Vexation makes the work harder for the operator, and she avoids it. Women are found to be better operators than men, though boys must be employed at night, and that is why the day service is better than that of the night.—Boston Post.

A Study in Shoes.

It is to be feared, on the whole, that the unfeeling people who say that Artie was spoiled and had no bringing up may not be far wrong. Nevertheless he had two aunts. For reasons of his own he called them respectively "Vevvy" and "Pitty Baby."

Pitty Baby was a weak coxer, but Vevvy was a great disciplinarian and a firm believer in the application of the slipper.

One morning in particular the Slipper Sonata was going on in her room, with a wild accompaniment of juvenile remonstrance very trying to the hearts of Pitty Baby and Bridget, outside the door with tears in their eyes and fingers in their ears.

Presently, when justice was satisfied, the dear little culprit was released, howling like a dervish, and, banging open the door, he burst upon the two outside.

"Och, darlin'," said Bridget, "what ever in this world did she do to you, sir?"

"She whipped me," roared Artie, "with Pitty Baby's red shoe, and it hurts worse than any shoe in this house."—Boston Record.

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John Littleton in one of his "long-range" letters from Memphis writes this:

I have already written enough on this subject, but a prominent gentleman—a Democrat—who has just left my room, reminded me of a rather peculiar objection being raised to the amendment among the "faithful" of his party. It is generally known that Capt. J. H. Fussell, late State-credit candidate for Governor, was one of the foremost workers who brought about the present conditions touching the prohibition movement. In the election, when Capt. Fussell was a candidate, he received less than 5,000 votes in the State. It was known that the liquor interests contributed freely to the election of Gen. Bate. It is now claimed by the Democratic opponents of the amendment that Fussell is merely taking personal revenge upon the whiskey men for their support of Bate in 1882; that his being put at the head of the prohibition movement gives certain evidence that it is all a deep laid scheme to break up and dismember the Democracy; that personal grudge and personal ambition is the motive power; that the futility of the attempt to bring about prohibition in the State is seen in the fact that a man is at the head of it, who after a thorough canvass of the State, backed by railroad power, interested bondholders, and a strong moral sentiment, could only get a few more than four thousand votes out of nearly 300,000.

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When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria,
When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria,
When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

HARPER'S Magazine for June is richly laden, as usual, with a variety of treasures.

Charles Dudley Warner's third paper, in his entertaining series of "Mexican Notes" describes, in Mr. Warner's bright and sparkling style, his travels and observations through the region of Esperanza, Vera Cruz, San Juan, Jalapa and Coatepec.

A Territorial editor says in his paper: "Yesterday we were again married. It will be remembered that both of our former wives eloped with the foreman of the office. To avoid any future inconvenience of the kind, we have this time married a lady who is herself a compositor, and she will set the type while we hustle for the ducks who still owe on subscription."—Dakota Bell.

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